

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A heating apparatus for a coating film
comprising:

a chamber having an inner space;

5 a heating plate heating a substrate to be
processed, said heating plate having a support surface
that supports a substrate to be processed with
a coating film in said chamber;

10 a partition member arranged in said chamber so as
to face the support surface, said partition member
partitioning the inner space into first and second
spaces and having a plurality of pores allowing the
first and second spaces to connect with each other, and
the support surface being set in the first space; and
15 an air stream formation mechanism forming an air
stream in the second space in order to discharge a
substance evaporated from the coating film.

20 2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said partition member is detachable from said heating
apparatus.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said partition member is formed from a material
selected from the group consisting of a porous ceramic
and a corrosion-resistant metal.

25 4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said partition member has a pore diameter falling
within a range of 2 μm to 100 μm .

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5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said air stream formation mechanism and at least one of conditions selected from the group consisting of a pore diameter and porosity of said partition member are so
5 adjusted as to discharge the evaporated substance into the second space via the plurality of pores of said partition member.

6. A heating apparatus for a coating film comprising:

10 a chamber having an inner space;
a heating plate heating a substrate to be processed, said heating plate having a support surface that supports a substrate to be processed with a coating film in said chamber; and
15 an absorption plate arranged in said chamber so as to face the support surface, said absorption plate absorbing substance evaporated from the coating film.

7. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said adsorption plate is formed from a material
20 selected from the group consisting of an oxide, a nitride, a material with an oxide surface facing the substrate to be processed, and a material with a nitride surface facing the substrate to be processed.

8. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein
25 said adsorption plate comprises a temperature control function controlling a temperature of said adsorption plate.

9. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said temperature control function sets the temperature of said adsorption plate to be higher than a temperature of said substrate to be processed.

5 10. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said temperature control function sets the temperature of said adsorption plate to be lower than a temperature of said substrate to be processed.

10 11. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said adsorption plate is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of an oxide, a nitride, a material with an oxide surface facing said substrate to be processed, and a material with a nitride surface facing said substrate to be processed.

15 12. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said adsorption plate is formed from a metal member, and

20 said apparatus further comprises a voltage generator generating an electric field between said heating plate and said metal member.

13. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said metal member receives a voltage lower than said heating plate from said voltage generator, and adsorbs said evaporated substance.

25 14. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said metal member receives a voltage higher than said heating plate from said voltage generator, and

suppresses generation of said evaporated substance.

15. A processing apparatus for a resist film comprising:

resist formation means for forming a chemically
5 amplified resist film on a substrate to be processed;

exposure means for irradiating the chemically
amplified resist film with an energy radiation to form
an exposure region having a latent image pattern;

rotation correction means for rotating and
10 correcting a direction of the substrate to be
processed;

heating processing means for heating the
chemically amplified resist film while supplying an
air stream in one direction along the substrate to be
15 processed; and

developing means for developing the chemically
amplified resist film.

16. A processing method for a resist film comprising:

20 forming a photoresist film on a substrate to be
processed;

heating the substrate to be processed with the
photoresist film within a chamber having a partition
member, said partition member partitioning said chamber
25 into first and second spaces and having a plurality
of pores allowing said first and second spaces to
connect with each other, and said substrate to be

processed being set in said first space;

flowing a substance evaporated from said substrate
to be processed into said second space via said
plurality of pores and discharging the evaporated
5 substance from the second space by an air stream during
said heating;

exposing said resist film by irradiating with an
energy radiation to form an exposure region having a
latent image pattern; and

10 developing said resist film by exposing said
resist film to a developing solution to selectively
remove part of the photoresist film, and forming
a desired pattern on said substrate to be processed.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein said
15 exposing is performed after said heating.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said
developing is performed after the exposing.

19. The method according to claim 16, wherein said
exposing is performed before said heating.

20 20. The method according to claim 19, wherein said
developing is performed after the heating.

21. The method according to claim 16, wherein said
resist film is a chemically amplified resist.

22. The method according to claim 16, wherein said
25 energy radiation is selected from the group consisting
of an ultraviolet ray, a far-ultraviolet ray, a vacuum
ultraviolet ray, an electron beam, and an X-ray.

23. A processing method for a resist film comprising:

forming a resist film on a substrate to be processed;

5 heating said substrate to be processed within a chamber, said chamber having an adsorption plate so arranged as to face the substrate to be processed;

adsorbing a substance evaporated from said substrate to be processed by the adsorption plate
10 during said heating;

exposing said resist film by irradiating said resist film with an energy radiation to form an exposure region having a latent image pattern; and
developing said resist film.

15 24. The method according to claim 23, said exposing is performed after said heating.

25. The method according to claim 24, wherein said developing is performed after said exposing.

20 26. The method according to claim 23, said exposing is performed before said heating.

27. The method according to claim 26, wherein said developing is performed after said heating.

28. The method according to claim 23, wherein a temperature of said adsorption plate is controlled.

25 29. The method according to claim 28, wherein said adsorption plate is controlled to be lower in temperature than said substrate to be processed.

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30. The method according to claim 28, wherein said adsorption plate is controlled to be higher in temperature than said substrate to be processed.

31. The method according to claim 23, wherein
5 said resist film is a chemically amplified resist.

32. The method according to claim 23, wherein said energy radiation is selected from the group consisting of an ultraviolet ray, a far-ultraviolet ray, a vacuum ultraviolet ray, an electron beam, and an X-ray.

10 33. The method according to claim 23, wherein said adsorption plate is formed from a metal member, and

an electric field is generated between said adsorption plate and said heating plate during heating
15 in a direction selected from the group consisting of a direction in which said evaporated substance is adsorbed by said adsorption plate, and a direction in which generation of said evaporated substance is suppressed.

20 34. The method according to claim 33, wherein said exposing is performed after said heating.

35. The method according to claim 34, wherein said developing is performed after said exposing.

25 36. The method according to claim 33, wherein said exposing is performed before said heating.

37. The method according to claim 36, wherein said developing is performed after said heating.

38. The method according to claim 33, wherein
a potential lower than that of said heating plate is
applied to said adsorption plate to adsorb said
evaporated substance to a surface of said adsorption
5 plate.

39. The method according to claim 33, wherein
a potential higher than that of said heating plate is
applied to said adsorption plate to suppress generation
of said evaporated substance from the resist film.

10 40. The method according to claim 33, wherein
a positive potential is applied to said adsorption
plate after said heating to eliminate said evaporated
substance adsorbed to a surface of said adsorption
plate from said adsorption plate.

15 41. The method according to claim 33, wherein said
resist film is a chemically amplified resist.

42. The method according to claim 33, wherein said
energy radiation is selected from said group consisting
of an ultraviolet ray, a far-ultraviolet ray, a vacuum
20 ultraviolet ray, an electron beam, and an X-ray.

43. A method of a resist pattern formation
comprising, in an order named:

forming a chemically amplified resist film on
a substrate to be processed,

25 exposing said chemically amplified resist film
by irradiating said chemically amplified resist film
with an energy radiation to form an exposure region

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having a latent image pattern,

heating said chemically amplified resist film, and

developing said chemically amplified resist film,

wherein an energy amount which irradiates said

5 exposure region is corrected before said heating in

accordance with a change in effective energy amount

caused by a change in sum of an amount of a substance

evaporated from said chemically amplified resist in

heating and a adsorption amount of said evaporated

10 substance.

44. A method of a resist pattern formation
comprising, in an order named:

forming a chemically amplified resist film on
a substrate to be processed,

15 exposing said chemically amplified resist film by

irradiating said chemically amplified resist film with

an energy radiation selected from the group consisting

of an ultraviolet ray, a far-ultraviolet ray, a vacuum

ultraviolet ray, an electron beam, and an X-ray to form

20 an exposure region having a latent image pattern,

heating said chemically amplified resist film in
presence of an air stream, and

developing said chemically amplified resist film,

wherein an energy amount which irradiates said

25 exposure region is corrected before heating in

accordance with a change in effective first energy

amount caused by a change in sum of an amount of a

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substance evaporated from said chemically amplified resist in heating and a adsorption amount of said evaporated substance.

5 45. The method according to claim 44, wherein said energy amount is corrected by adjusting an exposure dose in said exposing.

46. The method according to claim 45, wherein said exposure dose is adjusted within said exposure region.

10 47. The method according to claim 46, wherein said exposure dose is adjusted based on a ratio of a formed resist pattern.

48. The method according to claim 46, wherein
said exposure region is formed by reduction-
projecting a pattern of a projection exposure substrate
15 onto said substrate to be processed by a scanning exposure apparatus, and

an irradiation amount condition of said energy radiation is adjusted by a method selected from the group consisting of adjustment of scan speeds of said
20 projection exposure substrate and said substrate to be processed in said scanning exposure apparatus, and adjustment of an incident energy amount incident on said projection substrate in said scanning exposure apparatus.

25 49. The method according to claim 45, wherein an exposure dose in an uppermost-stream exposure region where no exposure region exists in an upstream in a

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direction of said air stream is adjusted to be substantially higher than that in a downstream exposure region other than said uppermost-stream exposure region.

5 50. The method according to claim 44, wherein said energy amount is corrected separately from said exposing by irradiating said exposure region with an energy amount corresponding to said change in first energy amount.

10 51. The method according to claim 50, wherein said irradiating said exposure region with said energy amount corresponding to said change in first energy amount is performed by irradiating said exposure region with one selected from the group consisting of a lamp,
15 a laser, and an electron beam with a photosensitive wavelength of said chemically amplified resist.

 52. The method according to claim 44, wherein said energy amount is corrected based on correction amounts sequentially calculated from an upstream to downstream
20 of said air stream.

 53. The method according to claim 44, further comprising rotating to correct said substrate to be processed between exposure and heating.

 54. The method according to claim 44, wherein said
25 air stream is supplied in one direction along said substrate to be processed.

 55. A method of a resist pattern formation

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comprising, in an order named:

forming a chemically amplified resist film on
a substrate to be processed,

5 exposing said chemically amplified resist film by
irradiating said chemically amplified resist film with
an energy radiation to form an exposure region having
a latent image pattern,

heating said chemically amplified resist film, and
developing said chemically amplified resist film,

10 wherein an energy amount supplied to said exposure
region is corrected in heating in accordance with
a change in effective energy amount caused by a change
in sum of an amount of a substance evaporated from said
chemically amplified resist and a adsorption amount of
15 said evaporated substance in heating.

56. A method of a resist pattern formation
comprising, in an order named:

forming a chemically amplified resist film on
a substrate to be processed,

20 exposing said chemically amplified resist film by
irradiating said chemically amplified resist film with
an energy radiation selected from the group consisting
of an ultraviolet ray, a far-ultraviolet ray, a vacuum
ultraviolet ray, an electron beam, and an X-ray to form
25 an exposure region having a latent image pattern,

heating said chemically amplified resist film in
presence of an air stream, and

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developing said chemically amplified resist film,
wherein an energy amount supplied to said exposure
region is corrected in heating in accordance with
a change in effective first energy amount caused by
5 a change in sum of an amount of a substance evaporated
from said chemically amplified resist and a absorption
amount of said evaporated substance in heating.

57. The method according to claim 56, wherein said
energy amount is corrected by a heat amount in heating.

10 58. The method according to claim 56, wherein said
energy amount supplied to said exposure region is so
corrected as to set an uppermost-stream exposure region
where no exposure region exists upstream in a direction
of said air stream to be substantially higher in energy
15 than a downstream exposure region other than said
uppermost-stream exposure region.

59. The method according to claim 56, wherein
said air stream is supplied in one direction along said
substrate to be processed.

20 60. The method according to claim 56, wherein said
energy amount is corrected based on correction amounts
sequentially calculated from an upstream to downstream
of said air stream.

61. The method according to claim 56, further
25 comprising rotating to correct said substrate to be
processed between exposure and heating.

62. A resist pattern formation method comprising,

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in an order named:

forming a chemically amplified resist film on a substrate to be processed,

5 exposing said chemically amplified resist film with an energy radiation,

heating said chemically amplified resist film under an air stream,

10 supplying developer by supply nozzle to said chemically amplified resist film and forming a desired resist pattern,

wherein a developing speed of said resist pattern is adjusted within said substrate so as to compensate for an effective energy amount change caused by evaporation of substance from said chemically amplified resist film in heating and adsorption of said substance evaporated from chemically amplified resist film in heating.

20 63. The method according to claim 62, wherein said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a supply condition of said developer from said supply nozzle in uppermost-stream exposure region where no exposure region exists upstream in said air stream in heating and a supply condition of said developer from said supply nozzle in other downstream exposure region.

25 64. The method according to claim 63, wherein said chemically amplified resist is positive, said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a said

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supply condition in said uppermost-stream exposure
region and a said supply condition in said downstream
exposure region so as to promote developing in said
uppermost-stream exposure region or to suppress
5 developing in said downstream exposure region.

65. The method according to claim 63, wherein said
chemically amplified resist is negative, said
developing speed is adjusted by controlling a said
supply condition in said uppermost-stream exposure
10 region and a said supply condition in said downstream
exposure region so as to suppress developing in said
uppermost-stream exposure region or to promote
developing in said downstream exposure region.

66. The method according to claim 63, wherein
15 adjustment of said developing speed comprises

obtaining a relationship between said supply
condition and said pattern size in said uppermost-
stream exposure region and a relationship between said
supply condition and said pattern size in said
20 downstream exposure region, and

supplying said developer under said determined
supply condition.

67. The method according to claim 63, wherein a
method of supplying said developer comprises

25 scanning a linear supply nozzle from one end to
the other end of said substrate to be processed while
supplying developer from said nozzle, and

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forming a liquid film, and

said supply condition is based on a value selected from the group consisting a scan speed, supply amount of said developer, and a distance between said nozzle and substrate to be processed.

68. The method according to claim 63, wherein

said air stream direction is selected from the group consisting of a direction from a center to peripheral portion of said substrate to be processed, and a direction from said peripheral portion to center,

said method of supplying said developer comprises setting a linear supply nozzle to said center of said substrate to be processed, and rotating said substrate to be processed while supplying developer from said nozzle and forming a liquid film

and said supply condition is based on supply amount distribution along said linear supply nozzle.

69. The method according to claim 62, wherein said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a developer temperature in uppermost-stream exposure region where no exposure region exists upstream in said air stream in heating and a developer temperature in other downstream exposure region.

70. The method according to claim 69, wherein said chemically amplified resist is positive, said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a said developer temperature in said uppermost-stream exposure

region and a said developer temperature in said downstream exposure region so as to promote developing in said uppermost-stream exposure region or to suppress developing in said downstream exposure region.

5 71. The method according to claim 69, wherein said chemically amplified resist is negative, said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a said developer temperature in said uppermost-stream exposure region and a said developer temperature in said downstream exposure region so as to suppress developing in said uppermost-stream exposure region or to promote developing in said downstream exposure region.

72. The method according to claim 69, wherein adjustment of said developing speed comprises

15 obtaining a relationship between said developer temperature and said pattern size in said uppermost-stream exposure region and a relationship between said developer temperature and said pattern size in said downstream exposure region, and

20 controlling said developer to said determined developer temperature.

73. The method according to claim 69, wherein said developer temperature is controlled by using heat source selected from the group consisting of a hot plate and a lamp heater from a lower surface of said substrate to be processed.

74. The method according to claim 69, wherein said

developer temperature is controlled by using a lamp heater from an upper surface of said substrate to be processed.

5 75. The method according to claim 62, wherein said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a developer concentration in uppermost-stream exposure region where no exposure region exists upstream in said air stream in heating and a developer concentration in other downstream exposure region.

10 76. The method according to claim 75, wherein said chemically amplified resist is positive, said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a said developer concentration in said uppermost-stream exposure region and a said developer concentration in
15 said downstream exposure region so as to promote developing in said uppermost-stream exposure region or to suppress developing in said downstream exposure region.

20 77. The method according to claim 75, wherein said chemically amplified resist is negative, said developing speed is adjusted by controlling a said developer concentration in said uppermost-stream exposure region and a said developer concentration in
25 said downstream exposure region so as to suppress developing in said uppermost-stream exposure region or to promote developing in said downstream exposure region.

78. The method according to claim 75, wherein adjustment of said developing speed comprises

obtaining a relationship between said developer concentration and said pattern size in said uppermost-stream exposure region and a relationship between said developer concentration and said pattern size in said downstream exposure region, and

controlling said developer to said determined developer concentration.

79. The method according to claim 75, wherein said developer concentration is controlled by spraying an air flow to a developer surface from an upper surface of said substrate to be processed.

80. The method according to claim 75, wherein said adjustment of developer concentration comprises

forming a developer film on said substrate to be processed into a thin film, and spraying an air flow to a developer surface.

81. The method according to claim 62, wherein said air stream direction is selected from the group consisting of a direction from a center to peripheral portion of said substrate to be processed, and a direction from said peripheral portion to center, said adjustment of said developing speed comprises, before said developer is supplied,

supplying a liquid to a resist film surface and controlling a surface hydrophilicity of

uppermost-stream exposure region where no exposure region exists upstream in said air stream in heating and a surface hydrophilicity in other downstream exposure region.

5 82. The method according to claim 81, wherein said liquid is water.

83. The method according to claim 81, wherein said liquid is oxidizing liquid.

84. The method according to claim 83, wherein said
10 oxidizing liquid is a dissolved gas water selected from the group consisting of an ozonated water, dissolved oxygen water, dissolved carbon monoxide water, and dissolved hydrogen peroxide water.

85. The method according to claim 83, wherein said
15 oxidizing liquid is an ozonated water of not more than 5 ppm.